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**PATENT**

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING FAILOVER OF  
STATEFUL CONNECTIONS

**ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER**

**37 C.F.R. §1.27 - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the  
concern identified below:

Name of Small Business Concern: **ASTUTE NETWORKS, INC.**

Address of Small Business Concern: **16516 Via Esprillo, Suite 200  
San Diego, CA 92127**

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. §121 for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §§41(a) and (b), in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both;

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled and described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith;  
☒ the application identified above; or  
☐ the patent identified above;

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a)(1) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a)(2) and 13 C.F.R. §121 or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a)(3):

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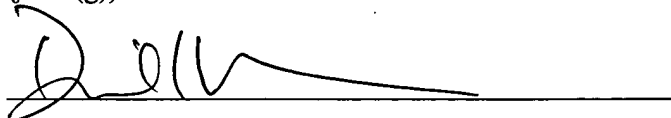
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Signature



Date

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**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING FAILOVER  
OF STATEFUL CONNECTIONS**

the specification of which:

(check one)

☐ is attached hereto;

☒ was filed as United States Application Serial No. 10/661,096 on September 12, 2003;

☐ was filed as PCT International Application No. \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ and was amended under PCT Article 19 or Article 34 on \_\_\_ (if applicable);

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of said invention in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365 of any foreign application(s) for patent, any foreign application(s) for inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below; I have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, any foreign application(s) for inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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